In-Camera Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday February 24, 2022
Time: 12:00pm
Location: Zoom Video Conference

PRESENT:

Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair
Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Vice Chair
Councillor Rino Bortolin
Mr. Robert de Verteuil
Ms. Denise Ghanam
Chief Pamela Mizuno
Deputy Chief Frank Providenti
Deputy Chief Jason Bellaire

REGRETS: None

RECORDER: Sarah Sabihuddin, Administrative Director

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

2. Declarations of Conflict & Pecuniary Interest by Members

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Ms. Denise Ghanam seconded Vice Chair Aldo DiCarlo, to APPROVE the Agenda. CARRIED

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13. New Business

13.1 Ambassador Bridge Update

Chief Mizuno: Provides an update on the Ambassador Bridge Update. Notes taht Malden road was opened E/W Tuesday, East and West Totten will open tonight.

Provides statistics including:

- 44 arrests
- 88 charges
- 11 vehicles towed

The WPS will continue to identify supporters and organizers and there is an operational plan in place in case there is a return.

Officers from other Services are still in the area but many have returned back to their respective Services. The EOC is continuing to operate with plans to wind down Sunday/Monday.

Councillor Bortolin: Is there intelligence provided to determine if there is an increase in risk identified of protesters returning? Would the plan be the opening plan in reverse? How is costing/billing working?

Chief Mizuno: If there is intelligence then we would have a plan in place to mitigate the risk. It is dependant on the specifics. We do have teams ready to respond.

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Deputy Chief Bellaire: We can always be expected to be billed from other services but may not receive a request for full reimbursement. We know we will be paying for London, Hamilton and other services. Given the number of officers and hours dedicated to helping us.

Councillor Bortolin: So the situation is that we are picking up the tab generally?

Deputy Chief Bellaire: Yes. We know that when asked they will help but we will be expected to pay the bill if and when that happens.

Chief Mizuno: We do not have a public order unit (there are other Services who also do not have this unit) but now the OPP is running the group for the province and I know that we will see some lessons learnt coming from this situation.

Councillor Bortolin: Operationally are we back to normal service levels?

Deputy Chief Bellaire: No. Not quite. We are still demobilizing and putting things back into place for a more consistent policing delivery.

Moved by Ms. Denise Ghanam, seconded Mayor DiCarlo to as presented. CARRIED

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